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Sir:

The above-identified application is a divisional of pending prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/861,203 filed on May 18, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/191,918 filed on November 13, 1998. Prior to examining this divisional application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the claims:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-11 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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12. (New) A method for removing impurities from an effluent gas stream comprising the steps of:

spraying a liquid toward a solid horizontally located surface to form a film of liquid on the surface.

passing effluent gas past the surface and the liquid.